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Dr. Louis A. Warren Lincoln Foundation c/o Lincoln National Life Insurance Company Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

You may or may not have heard of the plan submitted to the Ambassador of the United States in Quito in regard to the new Plaza Abraham Lincoln at the end of the recently paved Avenida 12 de Octubre. The Mayor of Quito, Sr. Jose Ricardo Chiriboga Villagomez has expressed the view that a statue of Abraham Lincoln would be most appropriate in the center of this circle and the Ambassador has stated that he is in agreement with this plan. He has now written to this Association in regard thereto and I have been in touch with Mr. Bartow H. Underhill, Deputy Director, Private Enterprise Cooperation Staff of the U. S. State Department New York Office and he has told me that you might be able to be of assistance in this regard.

This entire matter was submitted to the Board of Directors of this Association and they endorsed the idea highly. The Association, however, is in no financial position to undertake the sponsorship in any way but we would like to see the plan carried out if possible.

If you have any suggestions, I would like very much to have them.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

June 13, 1952

Robert D. Merrill

President

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June 20, 1952

Mr. Robert D. Merrill, President
Ecuadorean American Assoc. Inc.
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Rockefeller Center, vol Vice Alcalde de Coura de american de la New York. 20. New York

My dear Mr. Merrilla

statue of Lincoln would appear in the new Plaza Abraham Lincoln.

It is to be regretted indeed that funds are not available here for such a project, but the Foundation has been primarily interested in historical research and while many requests have come to us for art productions, both paintings and statues, it has been necessary for us not to participate in these worthwhile

with respect to Lincoln enterprises.

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En Conmemoración de los 200 años del Natalicio de Abraham Lincoln se Reinauguró Plaza Lincoln en Quito

Febrer0 12, 2009



La Embajadora Heather Hodges y el Vice Alcalde de Quito, Dr. Gonzalo Ortiz develando la placa en la Plaza Lincoln

Para celebrar los 200 años del natalicio de Abraham Lincoln, esta sede diplomática y el Municipio de Quito rindieron un homenaje a tan importante personaje de la historia estadounidense, en la plaza que lleva su nombre, situada en la intersección de las calles González Suárez y Orellana en Quito. Durante el evento se develó una placa con el nombre de la plaza.

Asistieron a la ceremonia, la Embajadora de los Estados Unidos, Sra. Heather Hodges, el Vice Alcalde de Quito, Dr. Gonzalo Ortiz y el conocido historiador ecuatoriano, Dr. Carlos Landázuri, quienes resaltaron la trayectoria de Abraham Lincoln.

El diseño del redondel donde se ubica la plaza conmemorativa dedicada a Abraham Lincoln se creó como consecuencia de las acciones de mejoramiento urbano promovidas a finales de la década de 1950 al nombrarse a Quito como sede de la XI Conferencia Interamericana de Cancilleres que debía realizarse en el año 1959. Este distribuidor de tránsito, uno de los más antiguos del Quito moderno, tiene detalles formales con calidad de diseño y construcción. La escultura de Lincoln fue donada por el comité de estadounidenses residentes en Quito, quienes seleccionaron a la firma del Arquitecto Sixto Durán Ballén para la construcción de la plaza. La estatua se asienta en una base rústica de piedra laja apilada horizontalmente, en una localización ligeramente excéntrica como remate de la avenida 12 de Octubre. Un doble muro curvo de piedra, sirve de fondo que enmarca la plaza y la escultura.

Abraham Lincoln fue el décimo sexto Presidente de los Estados Unidos; nació en Hardin, Kentucky, el 12 de febrero de 1809. En 1834 fue electo diputado por Estado de Illinois. Se recibió de abogado en 1837. En 1846 llegó al Congreso y en 1860 fue elegido Presidente de los

Estados Unidos debido a la fama que ganó por su posición antiesclavista. Murió asesinado en 1865.

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In Commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln Lincoln Plaza reopened in Quito

Febrer0 12 2009

Ambassador Heather Hodges and Deputy Mayor of Quito, Dr. Gonzalo Ortiz unveiling the plaque at the Lincoln Plaza

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the embassy and the Municipality of Quito paid tribute to such an important figure in American history, in the square that bears his name, located at the intersection of the streets and Orellana González Suárez in Quito. During the event, a plaque with the name of the square was unveiled.

Attended the ceremony, Ambassador of the United States, Ms. Heather Hodges, the Vice Mayor of Quito, Dr. Gonzalo Ortiz and known Ecuadorian historian, Dr. Carlos Landázuri, who highlighted the path of Abraham Lincoln.

The design of the ring where the memorial plaza dedicated to Abraham Lincoln is located was created as a result of urban improvement actions promoted in the late 1950s to Quito appointed to host the Eleventh Inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers which was held in the year 1959. transit This retailer, one of the oldest of the modern Quito, has formal details with quality design and construction. Lincoln sculpture was donated by the committee of U.S. residents in Quito, who selected the firm of Sixto Duran Ballen Architect for the construction of the square. The statue stands on a rustic base flagstone stacked horizontally in a slightly eccentric location matters worse Avenue October 12. A double curved stone wall, serves as background framing square and sculpture.

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States; Born in Hardin, Kentucky on February 12, 1809. In 1834 he was elected deputy for the State of Illinois. Became a lawyer in 1837. In 1846 he came to Congress in 1860 and was elected President of the United States because he won fame for his anti-slavery position. He was killed in 1865.



